(c) the number of bottles of spurious SURA seized in the country, State-wise during each of the last three years;

(d) the number of deaths on account of ayurvedic mixtures of medicines, State-wise and Union-Territory-wise during the last two years; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (a) The Drug Control Department has granted licences under the Drug & Cosmetics Act to five manufacturing units to manufacture Mrit Sanjivini Sura in the Union Territory of Delhi. These units have, however, discontinued manufacturing.

(b) No unlicensed factory has come to the notice of the Delhi Administration.

(c) This matter comes within the purview of respective State Governments. The number of bottles of Sura seized by the Delhi police in the Union Territory of Delhi during the last two years and upto 25th Nov., 1991 is as follows:-

1989	-	137750.
1990	-	194739.
1991	-	152142.

(d) 199 persons died in Delhi in November, 1991 due to the consumption of 'Karpoor Asav' manufactured by a firm in Ghaziabad, U.P. No death took place in Delhi on this account from 1.1.90 to 31.10.91.

(e) The Delhi police have carried out extensive raids and searches in the Capital resulting in the arrest of 93 persons so far. 337 criminal cases have been registered and 73087 'Sura' bottles seized in November, 1991 after the tragic incident. The Excise Department of Delhi Administration has taken more than 100 samples from various sources.

The Delhi police and the Excise Department of the Delhi Administration have sealed 13 shops of Ayurvedic medicines. The Directorate General of Health Services has issued instructions on 14.11.1991 to all State Drug Controllers to ensure that manufacture of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drug should conform to the laid down specifications and the Drug Inspectors must carry out in depth inspections of all manufacturing firms.

All possible action is being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future. All concerned departments of the Delhi Administration have been advised to exercise the utmost vigilance and directed to vigorously enforce the excise laws and to strictly implement the guidelines of the Union Health Ministry on the subject.

News Item Captioned "Lack of Regulations"

1735. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Lack of regulations-DESU contractors threaten to launch agitation" appearing in the Indian Express of September 7, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government on the salient points brought out in the news report;

(c) the details of the rules and regulations for awarding contracts, the system of making payments to the contractors and

number of times the tenders were called in the current year, number of tenders filed and how does the same compare with the preceding two years; and

(d) the number of times irregularities were pointed out in the rules and regulations for awarding contracts by the CA&G in the past and other audit authorities during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DESU Management has held discussions with the representatives of the contractors to sort out their problems. A Committee was also constituted by associating the representatives of the contractors to make suitable recommendations on the various points raised by them. The recommendations of the Committee, particularly on the provisions for price escalation clause in the contracts have already been approved by DESU.

(c) DESU is following the provision of the 'General Contract Act' and the 'Stores and Purchase Manual of DESU' for inviting tenders. DESU has also adopted a system of registration of contractors for awarding the contracts. The contractors are required to submit the bills to the engineering authorities and after necessary checks and verification, the bills are forwarded to the Accounts Department for arranging the payment. In view of the large number of works carried out by the various field divisions of DESU on contract basis, no centralised data about the number of tenders called/filed is maintained by DESU.

(d) According to DESU, no serious irregularities have been pointed out by the C & AG or other audit authorities in this regard. However, the observations made by audit from time to time are looked into by DESU for appropriate action.

Irregularities in Recovery of M.C.D. Dues

1736. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "MCD recovery of dues faulty: CAG" appearing in the Hindustan Times of September 27, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the C&AG, in his report ending March 31, 1990, has detected many irregularities in recovering dues amounting to lakhs of rupees from allottees of commercial units; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not recovering the huge sum of revenue of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the steps propose to be taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Doordarshan Kendra in Bareilly

1737 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Doordarshan Kendra/ A.I.R. station is being set up in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh;